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EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WATER SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the impact of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, focusing on related issues from a water-use perspective, after receiving testimony from Christopher Milly, Research Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey, and Terry Fulp, Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Bradley H. Udall, Director, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration—University of Colorado Western Water Assessment, Boulder; Timothy F. Brick, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; Philip W. Mote, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, Seattle; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Jack Williams, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Timothy Culbertson, National Hydropower Association, Ephrata, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 506, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy;

S. 635, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories; and

S. 1523, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant.

TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international trade and globalization, focusing on adjustments for a 21st century workforce, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution Global Economy and Development Program, Jane McDonald-Pines, AFL-CIO, and Howard Rosen, Trade Adjustment Assistance Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; Kimberly M. Didier, Newton Development Corporation, Newton, Iowa; and Jerry Ann Ross, Eureka, Montana.

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, focusing on the future of American innovation, after receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Bruce G. Bernstein, InterDigital Communications Cooperation, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Mary E. Doyle, Palm, Inc., Sunnyvale, California; John A. Squires, Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Kathryn L. Biberstein, Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2576–2603; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165; and H. Res. 460, 466–469, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 459, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-

first Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–175);

H. Res. 461, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–176);

H. Res. 462, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–177);

H. Res. 463, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–178);

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research (H. Rept. 110–179); and

H. Res. 465, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 65) to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (H. Rept. 110–180). **Page H6109**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6011**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Zane Fishel, Temple Baptist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina. **Page H6011**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming. **Page H6011**

Permitting Official Photographs of the House in session: The House agreed to H. Res. 460, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H6015**

Authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center: The House agreed to S. 1537, to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H6015**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National STEM Scholarship Database Act: H.R. 1051, amended, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; **Pages H6015–18**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: H.R. 2559, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; **Pages H6018–19**

Honoring the trailblazing accomplishments of the “Mercury 13” women, whose efforts in the early 1960s demonstrated the capabilities of American women to undertake the human exploration of space: H. Res. 421, to honor the trailblazing accomplishments of the “Mercury 13” women, whose

efforts in the early 1960s demonstrated the capabilities of American women to undertake the human exploration of space; **Pages H6019–21**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Astronaut Walter Marty Schirra and expressing condolences on his passing: H. Res. 446, to honor the life and accomplishments of Astronaut Walter Marty Schirra and expressing condolences on his passing; **Pages H6021–23**

10,000 Trained by 2010 Act: H.R. 1467, to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs; **Pages H6024–26**

Green Energy Education Act of 2007: H.R. 1716, amended, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 432; **Pages H6026–27, H6046**

H-Prize Act of 2007: H.R. 632, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 433; and **Pages H6027–31, H6047**

Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act Spy Act: H.R. 964, amended, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 434. **Pages H6031–37, H6047–48**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit human cloning: H.R. 2560, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit human cloning, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 439. **Pages H6037–42, H6077–78**

Executive Communication—Committee Referral: Agreed that Executive Communication 1370, the Department of Transportation’s final rule—Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew and Space Flight Participants, be re-referred to the Committee on Science and Technology. **Pages H6024**

Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2446, to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, by a recorded vote of 406 yeas to 10 noes, Roll No. 438. **Pages H6048–73, H6073–77**

Agreed to the Pence motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 437. Subsequently, Representative Lantos reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H6075–77

Pursuant to the rule, Representative Lantos requested that amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–174 be offered at any time.

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Agreed to:

Lantos manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that makes a number of technical, clarifying, and clerical changes to several provisions of H.R. 2446 as reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

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Ackerman amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that adds language to section 302 of the bill to ensure that the Presidential report required by that section includes an assessment of the quality of governance in each province of Afghanistan focusing in particular on the implementation of the rule of law, the impact of any human rights abuses by Afghan government forces on overall counterinsurgency efforts, and the ability of the courts and judicial system to provide an effective justice system;

Pages H6062–63

Costa amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that enhances the Offices of the Inspector General at the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development by requiring that permanent in-country staff be deployed to audit, investigate and oversee the programs authorized in Title I of the Afghanistan Freedom and Support Act of 2002, and bolsters the authorization of funds for this purpose;

Pages H6064–65

Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that adds a congressional finding stating that the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan recently intercepted a shipment of Iranian-made weapons intended for the Taliban in Afghanistan, and establishes a reporting requirement on Iranian-made weapons being sold to or used by the Taliban in Afghanistan;

Pages H6065–66

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that states that technical assistance should be provided to train national, provincial, and local governmental personnel for capacity-building purposes as it relates to education, health care, human rights (particularly women's rights), and political participation and also seeks to ensure girls complete secondary education so they are prepared and have the ability to pursue post-secondary education;

Pages H6066–67

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that seeks to bolster women's political participation by protecting women legislators when they return to the provinces they represent and states that it is the sense of Congress that assistance provided to foreign countries and international organizations under this provision should be used, in part, to protect these female legislators;

Pages H6067–69

Terry amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that states that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) should give priority in awarding grants to non-governmental organizations to aid in the revitalization of Afghanistan to organizations based in the United States that have an established and cost-effective record of developing and administering such programs within Afghanistan, including teaching the people of Afghanistan how to create and sustain quality economic and educational systems;

Pages H6071–72

Van Hollen amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that promotes the empowerment of citizens at the local level in the reconstruction and economic development decision-making process and creates an environment conducive to Afghan small business development; and

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Kirk amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that allows the Secretary of State, at her discretion, to make payments from the Rewards for Justice Program to officers or employees of the Afghan or Pakistani government who provide information leading to the capture of exceptional and high-profile terrorists committing acts in Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 435).

Pages H6069–70, H6073–74

Rejected:

Kucinich amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that sought to divert \$500,000 in authorization authority for the United States contribution to the Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes).

Pages H6070–71, H6074–75

Withdrawn:

Souder amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have specified that logistical support activities for counter narcotics missions in Afghanistan include force protection and in extremis support.

Pages H6063–64

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 453, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

220 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 431, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6042–46**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m. **Page H6073**

Recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 391, recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the North Texas Commission, USO, and the people and businesses of North Texas for their dedication to the “Welcome Home a Hero” program. **Page H6078**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6011.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6045–46, H6046, H6047, H6047–48, H6074, H6074–75, H6076, H6077 and H6077–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee action the Legislative Branch Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

DOD’S BODY ARMOR PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense body armor programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG N. Ross Thompson III, USA, Military Deputy/Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition

, Logistics, and Technology); BG Mark Brown, USA, Program Executive Officer, U.S. Army; Roger Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Littoral and Mine Warfare, Department of the Navy; COL Ed Smith, USMC, Product Group Director, Combat Equipment and Support Systems, U.S. Marine Corps; Douglas D. Thomas, Executive Director, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force; and COL Kevin Noonan, USA, Program Executive Office—Special Operations Forces—Warrior, U.S. Special Operations Command; William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

NAVY BOAT BARRIERS PROCUREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on procurement of Navy boat barriers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Department of the Navy: Tomas Betto, Director; and Cathy Riddick-Brown, Deputy Assistant Director, Acquisition and Logistics; and James A. Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA.

CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on measures to Improve Consumer Product Safety for Children, H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 814, Children’s Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; and H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in Reform of China’s Financial Services Sector.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION—NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.” Testimony was heard from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.